

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/494,211

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tracy Dove

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tracy Dove

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(2) William Hickman

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Date of Interview Nov 26, 2002Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: Claim 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Yamada 5,589,299; Yamahira 5,601,950; Idota 5,686,203Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant stated Yamada and Idota teach plating layers, not a single alloy material for the collector foil. Examiner suggested amending the claims to recite "...the Cu-alloy comprises at least one..." and "...the copper-based material further comprises a material selected..." to exclude a foil which is not a single material alloy layer. Such an amendment appears to overcome the anticipation rejection in view of Yamada and Idota, however, further consideration will be needed to determine if the claims are obvious in view of Yamada and Idota. The rejection in view of Yamahira has not been overcome. Yamahira suggests the claimed invention. Examiner suggested Applicant might be able to distinguish the instant claims over Yamahira by providing evidence of unexpected results regarding the process limitations.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required